

Millersville University
Faculty Senate - Meeting Minutes
10/19/2021

The meeting was called to order remotely via Zoom at 4:05 p.m. All departments were in attendance except for Accounting/Finance and Interdisciplinary Studies. Dr. James Delle (Assoc. Provost), Dr. Tiffany Wright (GCPRC), Dr. Kelly Banna (APSCUF), and Dr. Jeff Wimer (GERC) were also in attendance.

- I. Welcome and Introductions**
- II. Minutes of the Faculty Senate**
 - a. Minutes from the 10/05/2021 were approved via Hartman/Weise Cross motion without dissent.
- III. Proposed Curricular Frameworks for endorsement**
 - a. None
- IV. Proposed Courses and Programs for approval**
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - i. Undergraduate New Courses
 1. None
 - ii. Undergraduate Course Changes
 1. None
 - iii. Undergraduate New Programs
 1. None
 - iv. Undergraduate Program Changes
 - v. Graduate New Courses
 1. None
 - vi. Graduate Course Changes
 1. None
 - vii. Graduate New Programs
 1. None
 - viii. Graduate Program Changes
 1. None
- V. Report of the Faculty Senate Chairperson – Jeri Robinson**
 - a. Announcements
 - i. Upcoming Faculty Senate Meeting Dates Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 (1st and 3rd Tuesday)
 1. November 2nd and 16th
 2. February 1st and 15th
 3. March 1st and 15th
 4. April 5th and 19th
 - ii. GERC Self-Study and 5-yr review.
 1. Jeff Wimer, GERC Chair, presented and answered questions regarding the general education 5-year review process and self-study document.
 2. The timeline is such that they are currently lining up external reviewers to continue with the process. Once external review report is complete it will inform future action which may include the formation of a task force to review the general education curriculum. Some concerns that may need to be addressed are

UNIV103 courses not reaching all students, the new PASSHE transfer mandate, and the loss of a General Education Coordinator.

3. The self-study is informational to senators. Please bring any questions to next meeting or communicate any concerns.
- iii. Dr. Wubah, Ms. Kim Auger, and Mr. Steven DiFilipo will be attending on November 16.
- iv. Please note the new grade change form is on MAX.
- v. There will be no graduation ceremony for December due to COVID. Graduates will be invited to participate in May graduation.

VI. APSCUF Updates

- a. Dr. Kelly Banna, APSCUF President
 - i. Feedback on PASSHE general education policy changes were forwarded to state APSCUF.
 - ii. A local agreement for new name and formal set of duties for senate forthcoming.
 1. The rationale for renaming senate is that senate implies government, while senate's role is really that of a curricular body. APSCUF is the overarching governing body.
 2. Q: Where to fit noncurricular issues that are currently handled in senate such as emeriti?
 - a. There will be reorganization between senate and APSCUF to define more explicit roles and responsibilities.

VII. Report of the Student Government Association

- a. None

VIII. Report of the Graduate Student Association

- a. None

IX. Report of the Administrative Officers

- a. Dr. James Delle, Associate Provost
 - i. Updated senate with news from the last PASSHE - Board of Governors meeting and answered questions regarding system integrations.
 1. Pennsylvania Western University (PennWest) is the new name of the integrated universities of Clarion, Edinboro, and California.
 - a. Middle state accreditation still intact.
 - b. Working on sports team role with NCAA.
 2. Q: Is there going to be downsizing with these schools?
 - a. Certainly, some administrative reductions, for example one president and office, along with additional admin integrations
 - b. Faculty are working to merge curriculum to single curriculum. Align all curriculum between universities. It is yet to be determined how this curricular alignment will work.
 - c. Physical campus downsizing is unlikely. Quite a few challenges and rules with selling state property. Selling a college campus is difficult market, often not worth much, and abandonment not an option. Students should be able to move between campuses more freely without formal transfer since they are now one University.

3. Q: Is Millersville a candidate for integration?
 - a. Position here is that MU is a strong university and is not a candidate for integration. Excluding COVID and cyber-attack, Millersville was starting to increase enrollments and was on a good path.
 4. Q: Has PASSHE created a sense of greater competition with this mandate for collaboration and integrations?
 - a. In a sense we have always been in competition with other PASSHE schools for students similar to schools outside the system. Tuition is still being set by PASSHE. We will need to differentiate ourselves and control our costs to students in other ways, such as decreasing the costs of housing by bringing dorms back under our controls. The curricular and operation stability of Millersville may be seen as a benefit to students.
 - ii. Center for Academic Excellence has been renamed to Vilas A. Prabau Center for Academic Excellence
 - iii. Fall Census update
 1. There has been a post covid decline in enrollments which we will need to repair. We continue to need to retain our current students and ensure their success.
 - iv. Winter Session is open for enrollment, please encourage your advisees to take advantage of these opportunities.
- X. Announcement of new courses, programs or changes to existing courses/program**
- a. See weekly CAP announcements.
- XI. Reports of the Faculty Senate Standing Committee**
- a. APC, Ankur Nandedkar, Chair
 - i. Course Repeats Policy Change
 1. Proposed policy change was discussed and modified to better clarify the definition of the earned grade and that a withdrawal (W) is not an earned grade. Policy will be revisited at next meeting and receive some input from registrar office.
 - ii. Non-College Curriculum Approval Process Proposal
 1. Proposal was routed to APSCUF to integrate into the larger curriculum approval process document that is currently awaiting approval at the state level. It will return to senate before being finalized.
- XII. Reports of the Faculty Senate, Convened Committees, Area or Special Committees**
- a. None
- XIII. Faculty Emeriti Resolutions**
- a. None
- XIV. Faculty Senate Elections**
- a. None
- XV. New Business**
- a. A question was raised regarding the previously discussed winter session course restrictions issue. Dr. Delle confirms that there is two course limit in place enforced at the registrar and reports that there is little evidence of student success issues based on analysis of the data. Senate will leave the policy unchanged.

Meeting adjourned at 5:32pm via a Cardwell/Albert motion approved without dissent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ethan E. Frost
Faculty Senate Secretary

ACTION SUMMARY – 10/19/2021

Minutes Approved

- *10/05/2021*